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HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 644  
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A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Coaches John and Gail Wild and the 1999-2000 Bradford High School girls' basketball team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A state championship.

WHEREAS, the Tennessee General Assembly is pleased to specially honor those singular athletic teams that work hard, make the necessary sacrifices, play adroitly and are successful; and

WHEREAS, the outstanding 1999-2000 Bradford High School girls' basketball team, which recently completed a great season by winning the prestigious Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A State Tournament, is one such admirable squad; and

WHEREAS, Bradford won the regular season District 16 title with an unblemished 6-0 record; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Red Devils then won the District 16 Tournament, the Region 8 Tournament and the West Sectional; and

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WHEREAS, Bradford won their quarterfinal game in the state tournament by an impressive 56-46 margin over tough Ezell-Harding; and

WHEREAS, in the second round, this tremendously talented team defeated Chattanooga Christian 67-42, a victory which included a 31-5 scoring run; and

WHEREAS, in the Class A title match, Ms. Basketball, Jessica Henson, hit a game-winning 10-foot jump shot with 6 seconds left in the fourth quarter, as Bradford beat Wayne County 57-55; and

WHEREAS, this was the fifth state title for Bradford in the last eight years and their sixth overall state championship; and

WHEREAS, the Lady Red Devils compiled an unblemished overall record of 36-0; and

WHEREAS, they were also ranked as the best team in Class A in the *Associated Press* Final State Poll; and

WHEREAS, during the last four years, Bradford has won 135 games and lost only 5, an incredible winning percentage of .964; and

WHEREAS, the team has been expertly coached by John and Gail Wild, who are two of the most highly regarded coaches in the game; and

WHEREAS, Bradford was led by senior sensation **Jessica Henson**, who averaged 22 points, 6 rebounds, 5 steals, and 5 assists per game. In addition to being honored as the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association's Class A Miss Basketball, she was also chosen First Team All-State, State Tournament Most Valuable Player, All-Regional Tournament and District Most Valuable Player; and

WHEREAS, juniors **Jennifer Henson**, who made the All-State Tournament, All-Regional Tournament, and All-District Tournament squads; **Danielle Page**, who was also selected to each of those squads, and **Jenny Landom**, who was selected All-Regional Tournament and All-District; were an important part of the leadership effort; and

WHEREAS, the other members of the team were seniors, starter **Laura Golden**, who was the Homecoming Queen and an All-District honoree; **Lara McCartney**, and **Emily Bryant**; junior, **Misti Hathcock**; sophomores **Brandy Pankey**, and **Susan Dyer**; freshmen, **Trenita Thomas** and **Jennifer Dethloff**; and eighth grader, **Meredith Richardson**; and

WHEREAS, the diligent managers were **Shaleta Street**, **Nicole Lowery**, **Amber Knot**, and **Tiffany Thomas**; and

WHEREAS, the cheerleaders were under the able leadership of **Coach Dana Ayers** and **Coach Linda Cates**. The cheerleaders were: **Crystal Gammons**, **Laura Shackelford**, **Kristen Clark**, **Tiffany Whitney**, **Amanda Gapen**, **Jessica Johnson**, **Jessica Hickerson**, and **Jenny Hayes**; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the accomplishments of this exemplary team be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED FIRST GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, That we honor and congratulate Coaches John and Gail Wild and the 1999-2000 Bradford High School girls' basketball team on winning the Tennessee Secondary School Athletic Association Class A State Tournament and an outstanding season and wish them well in their future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, That appropriate copies of this resolution be prepared for presentation to the school and to each person named above, with this final clause omitted from such copies.